

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 823 without my signature.

I continue to be supportive of reducing the impact of high polluting vehicles on the road. However, this bill eliminates an incentive subsidy provided by the Bureau of Automotive Repair's Consumer Assistance Program for a particular portion of the population. The provisions in this bill make more sense if the State could capture those savings and couple it with other incentives for vehicle owners to retire or repair high-polluting vehicles. I encourage the Legislature to work on solutions that move in that direction.

Until that time, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger